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SUBJ: RENEGOTIATION OF INDONESIA'S GATT SCHEDULE

REF: A) JAKARTA 0028; B) GENEVA 7006; C) STATE 181400

1. GATT SECRETARIAT (LINDEN) REPORTS INDONESIA PROPOSES SEEK ART. XXV WAIVER TO NEGOTIATE WHOLE NEW GATT TARIFF SCHEDULE WITHOUT REFERENCE TO THE PREVIOUS ONE AND THEN HOLD OUT POSSIBILITY OF RETALIATORY WITHDRAWALS BY THOSE COUNTRIES NOT SATISFIED. BRAZIL DID THIS IN 1956 (BISD 5TH SUPPLEMENT, P. 36). IN PROCESS OF ATTEMPTING CONSOLIDATE OWN GATT SCHEDULE (REFTEL), INDONESIA REPORTEDLY HAS GIVEN UP. INDONESIA PROPOSES ACCOMPLISH THIS RENEGOTIATION PARALLEL WITH, BUT NOT AS PART OF MTN.

2. LINDEN INFORMALLY NOTED THAT EC AND AUSTRALIA WERE FAVORABLE TO IDEA, CANADA AND NORDICS HAVE GIVEN PRELIMINARY YES BUT CONSULTING CAPITALS, INDIA IS REFLECTING, AND JAPAN FEELS IT WOULD SET DANGEROUS

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PRECEDENT. LINDEN PERSONALLY RECOMMENDS THE

PROPOSED WAIVER AS THE ONLY REALISTIC SOLUTION. HE
SUGGESTS THAT THE RIGHT OF RETALIATION FEATURE WOULD
PUT A BRAKE ON RECOURSE TO THIS PROCEDURE BY OTHER LDCS.

3. WE GAVE A PRELIMINARY YES FOR THE UNITED STATES,
SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION BY WASHINGTON.(WAIVER REQUEST,
OF COURSE, WOULD HAVE TO BE FORMALLY SUBMITTED TO
COUNCIL.) WE DO REPEAT DO SEE DANGERS IN PRECEDENT, AS
THERE IS POSSIBILITY THAT OTHER LDCS MIGHT SUDDENLY FIND IT
CONVENIENT TO BE CONFUSED ABOUT OWN GATT BINDINGS.
HOWEVER, MISSION HAS DISCUSSED CASE WITH MTN DELEGATION;
WE BOTH AGREE THAT GIVEN ALTERNATIVES IN INDONESIA'S CASE,
PROPOSED WAIVER IS ONLY WAY TO GO. DALE

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